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Cytokine Expression by Ribavirin in
Activated T-Lymphocytes**

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Dear Sir:

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This paper responds to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean listing of all pending claims following amendment herein is set forth below.

1. A method of modulating Type 1 and Type 2 response in activated T cells of a human patient comprising administering ribavirin to the T cells in a dosage to promote the Type 1 response and suppress the Type 2 response.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the amount of ribavirin added provides a concentration of about 0.25 - 6.7 µg/ml in a medium supporting the lymphocytes.
3. A method of treating a patient having a disease which includes a viral component and a non-viral component, the non-viral component being characterized by reduced Type 1 levels and increased Type 2 levels in activated T-lymphocytes, comprising administering